

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 24 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of February 9, 2007.

Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement herein on February 8, 2005 and note that, due to a typographical error, U.S. Patent 5,153,034 to Lipsker was incorrectly cited on Page 4 of the PTO-1449. Please correct the reference in the Office records to U.S. Patent 6,153,043 to Lipsker. A corrected PTO/SB/08 is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, as hereinafter set forth.


Applicants have amended the claimed invention for the presently claimed invention to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention to comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Therefore, presently amended claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 24 are allowable under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

After carefully considering the cited prior art, the rejections, and the Examiner's comments, Applicants have amended the claimed invention to clearly distinguish over the cited prior art.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 24 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art.

Applicants request the allowance of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 24 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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